

a first U-joint connectable with a steering wheel of the vehicle;

a first shaft pivotally attached to said first U-joint and rotatable about a longitudinal axis of said first shaft upon rotation of said first U-joint;

a second shaft drivingly connected to said first shaft and having a slip joint connection with said first shaft permitting relative axial movement of said first and second shafts while maintaining a rotary drive connection between said first and second shafts;

a second U-joint pivotally attached to said second shaft and connectable with a steering mechanism of the vehicle; and

said first shaft comprising first and second shaft parts and a quick disconnect joint between said first and second shaft parts permitting disconnection of said first and second shaft parts and pivoting of said first shaft part relative to said first U-joint to a first out of the way position and pivoting of said second shaft and said second shaft part relative to said second U-joint to a second out of the way position.

Please add claims 9 and 10, as follows:

9. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim 1 wherein said quick disconnect joint includes a releasable fastener which, when released, permits disconnection of said

first and second shaft parts, said releasable fastener being operable to reconnect said first and second shaft parts.

10. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim 1 wherein said quick disconnect joint is not destroyed during disconnection.